works on the gravity system including cultivation on slopes.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) Yes, Sir. check bunds are provided for soil conservatition and dams for storage of water in the reservoirs.

Thermal Project of NTPC in Kerala

4729. SHRI SHANKERSINH VAGHELA:
DR. A.K. PATEL:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Oil Corporation had proposed to construct a major installation near the proposed site for a thermal project of NTPC at Kayamkulam in Kerala;

(b) whether the installation is now proposed to be shifted to an area at Sansthamokotta; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI S. KRISHAN KUMAR): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

Loss Caused by Chandil Dam in Bihar

4730. SHRI GURUDAS KAMAT: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Chandil Dam, a part of the Subernarekla Multi purpose Project in Bihar, has claimed a number of lives;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whethr this has also caused damage to crops and property in a number of villages; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MNISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA:(a) and (b). The Project Administration has reported that no case of death by drowning or directly attributable to the flooding of villages by Chandil dam has come to their notice.

(c) and (d). The Chandil dam has been constructed upto spillway crest level. With water impounding upto the crest, 6 villages were fully affeoted, in another 12 villages, houses and agricultural land were affected partially and in 29 other villages, water entered the agriculture fields without affecting main body of villages or houses. In some of the later category the paddy fields to the extent of 5% were affected. Payment of compensation for land and houses acquired has been completed in ail but one in the first 30 villages of Chandil submergence area, except for cases where there has been disputes over ownership rights. Even after payment of compensation villagers continued cultivation in acquired land. The Government is not obliged to pay cmpensation for loss of standing crop on acquired land.

Disinvestment Proposal of ICC

4731. SHRI HARI KISHORE SINGH: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian Oil Corporation has submitted any proposal for disinvestment of 20 percent of the Government holdings in the Company;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTERY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI S. KRISHAN KUMAR): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Questions do not arise.

Gas Based Fertilizer Plant

4732. SHRI SHRAVAN KUMAR PATEL: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to fix a cut-off date for the gas-based fertilizer plants to be fed by the HBJ pipeline, before which they are to be commissioned, failing which the available gas resource would be diverted to other uses; and

(b) if so, the decision taken in respect of each plant?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY DEFENCE (SHRI S. KRISHANKUMAR): (a) and (b). No such decision has been taken so far.

Steps to Reduce Import of Oil

473. SHRI R. SURENDER REDDY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to check the powers of the oil bureaucracy;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps being taken to reduce the Import Bill which is likely to be increased due to the soviet Union's limit on supply of oil products to India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI S. KRISHAN KUMAR): (a) and (b). The bureaucracy is under the effective supervision and control of the Government.

(c) Steps to increase indigenous crude oil and refinery production, and to promote oil conservation and demand management measures, are being taken to reduce oil imports.

[*Translation*]

Joint Implementation of Irrigation Projects

4734. SHRI SIMON MARANDi: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether many State Government have refused to accept the advice of the Planning Commission regarding joint implementation of some irrigation Projects;

(b) if so, whether the implementation of such projects is likely to be affected adversely due to scarcity of funds as a result thereof;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the amount sanctioned by the Government to speed up the process of implementation of these irrigation projects during the current financial year, State-wise?

THE MNISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA:(a) to (d) Inter-State projects are formulated and taken up for joint implementation through mutual agreement between the basin States. Irrigation projects are investigated, formulated, planned and implemented by the State Governments out of